

# NF-95

**Motherboard  
AMD Athlon  
64FX/64X2/64/Sempron  
Socket 939**

## User's Manual



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☐ **K8 939 mATX Motherboard**

☐ **NB: NVIDIA C51G**

☐ **SB: NVIDIA MCP51**

☐ **2000MT/s HT**

☐ **Dual Channel DDR 400**

☐ **Integrated VGA Output**

☐ **2x SATA 3Gb/s with  
RAID 0/1/JBOD**

☐ **10/100Mb LAN**

☐ **5.1 Channel Audio**

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This user's manual contains all the information you may need for setting up this motherboard. To view the user's manual of PDF format (viewable by [Adobe Reader](#)), place the "Driver & Utility CD" into the CD-ROM drive in your system. The auto-run screen will appear, click the "Manual" tab to enter its submenu. If not, browse the root directory of the CD-ROM via the File Manager, and double click the "AUTORUN" file.

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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Features & Specifications

### CPU

- Socket 939 for AMD Athlon64FX, Athlon64X2, Athlon64, or Sempron Processor with 2000MT/s System Bus
- Support AMD Cool 'n' Quiet Technology

### Chipset

- Northbridge: NVIDIA C51G (GeForce 6100)
- Southbridge: NVIDIA MCP51 (nForce 410)

### Memory

- 2X 184-pin DIMM slots support 2GB maximum memory capacity
- Supports Dual Channel DDR 400/333 Un-buffered ECC memory

### Graphics

- Integrated NVIDIA GeForce 6100 controller provides enthusiast-class GeForce 6 graphics features

### Serial ATA

- 2x SATA 3Gb/s
- Supports SATA RAID 0, 1, JBOD

### LAN

- Onboard 10/100Mb PCI controller

### Audio

- Onboard 5.1-Channel Audio CODEC

### Expansion Slots

- 1x PCI Express x16 slot
- 3x PCI slots

### Internal I/O Connectors

- 1x floppy disk drive connector
- 2x UDMA 133/100/66/33 IDE connectors (each supports 2x IDE devices)
- 2x SATA 3Gb/s connectors
- 2x USB 2.0 headers (each supports 2x USB 2.0 ports)
- 1x FP-Audio header
- 1x CD-IN header

### Rear Panel I/O

- 1x PS/2 port for mouse

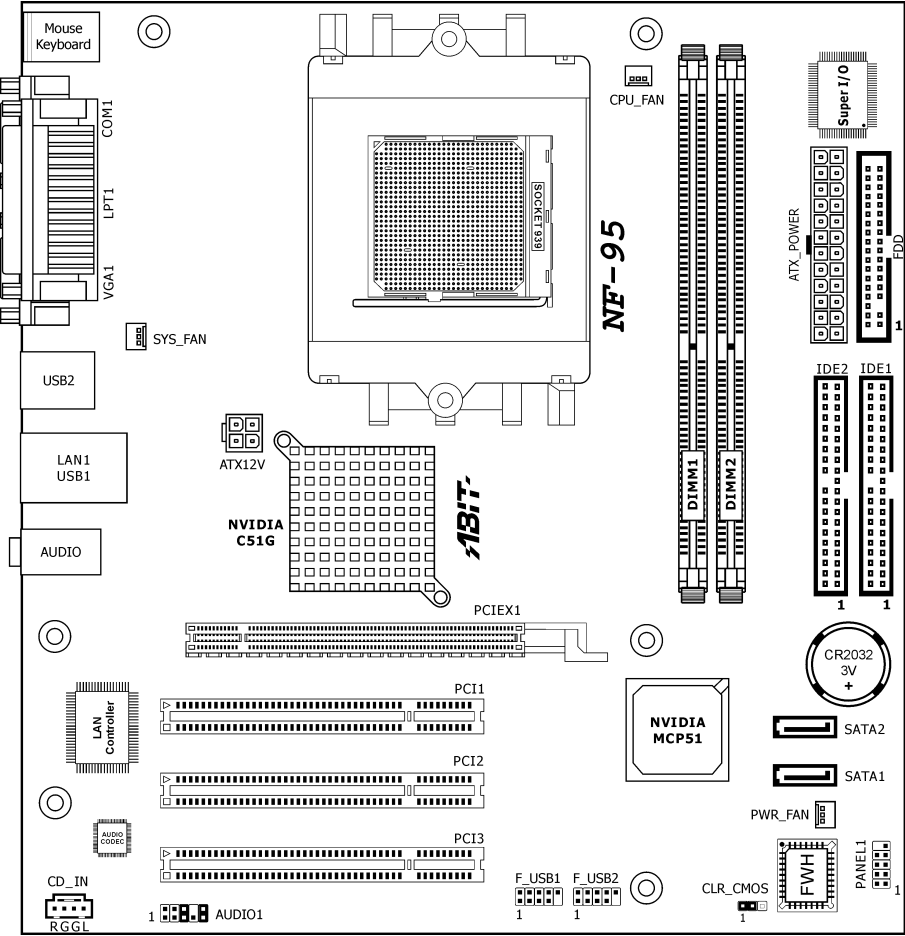
- 1x PS/2 port for keyboard
- 1x serial port
- 1x parallel port
- 1x VGA port
- 4x USB 2.0 ports
- 1x RJ-45 LAN port
- Audio jacks for line-in, line-out, and microphone

### **Miscellaneous**

- mATX form factor (224mm x 244mm)

※ **Specifications and information contained herein are subject to change without notice.**

## 1.2 Motherboard Layout



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## 2. Hardware Setup

In this chapter we will elaborate all the information you need upon installing this motherboard to your computer system.

- ✖ **Always power off the computer and unplug the AC power cord before adding or removing any peripheral or component. Failing to do so may cause severe damage to your motherboard and/or peripherals. Plug in the AC power cord only after you have carefully checked everything.**

### 2.1 Choosing a Computer Chassis

- This motherboard carries a mATX form factor of 224 x 244 mm. Choose a chassis big enough to install this motherboard.
- As some features for this motherboard are implemented by cabling connectors on the motherboard to indicators and switches or buttons on the chassis, make sure your chassis supports all the features required.
- If there is possibility of adopting some more hard drives, make sure your chassis has sufficient power and space for them.
- Most chassis have alternatives for I/O shield located at the rear panel. Make sure the I/O shield of the chassis matches the I/O port configuration of this motherboard. You can find an I/O shield specifically designed for this motherboard in its package.

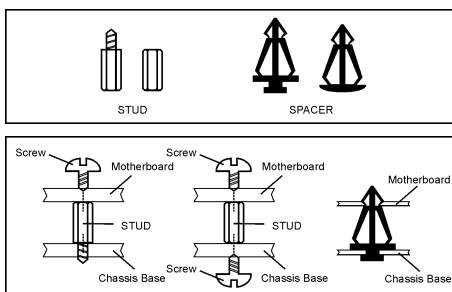
### 2.2 Installing Motherboard

Most computer chassis have a base with many mounting holes to allow the motherboard to be securely attached, and at the same time, prevent the system from short circuits. There are two ways to attach the motherboard to the chassis base:

1. use studs, or
2. use spacers

In principle, the best way to attach the board is to use studs. Only if you are unable to do this should you attach the board with spacers.

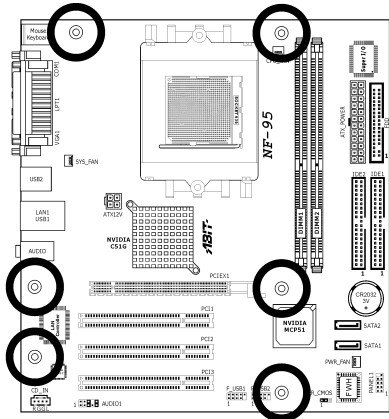
Line up the holes on the board with the mounting holes on the chassis. If the holes line up and there are screw holes, you can attach the board with studs. If the holes line up and there are only slots, you can only attach with spacers. Take the tip of the spacers and insert them into the slots. After doing this to all the slots, you can slide the board into position aligned with slots. After the board has been positioned, check to make sure everything is OK before putting the chassis back on.



### To install this motherboard:

1. Locate all the screw holes on the motherboard and the chassis base.
2. Place all the studs or spacers needed on the chassis base and have them tightened.
3. Face the motherboard's I/O ports toward the chassis's rear panel.
4. Line up all the motherboard's screw holes with those studs or spacers on the chassis.
5. Install the motherboard with screws and have them tightened.

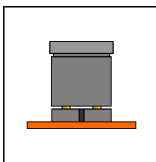
Face the chassis's rear panel.



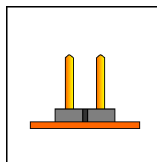
※ To prevent shorting the PCB circuit, please REMOVE the metal studs or spacers if they are already fastened on the chassis base and are without mounting-holes on the motherboard to align with.

## 2.3 Checking Jumper Settings

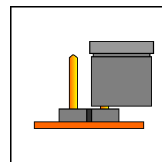
For a 2-pin jumper, plug the jumper cap on both pins will make it CLOSE (SHORT). Remove the jumper cap, or plug it on either pin (reserved for future use) will leave it at OPEN position.



SHORT

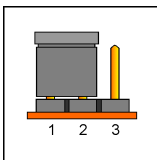


OPEN

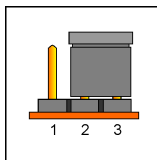


OPEN

For 3-pin jumper, pin 1~2 or pin 2~3 can be shorted by plugging the jumper cap in.



Pin 1~2 SHORT



Pin 2~3 SHORT

## 2.3.1 CMOS Memory Clearing Header and Backup Battery

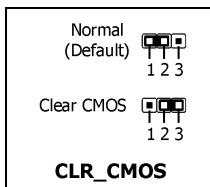
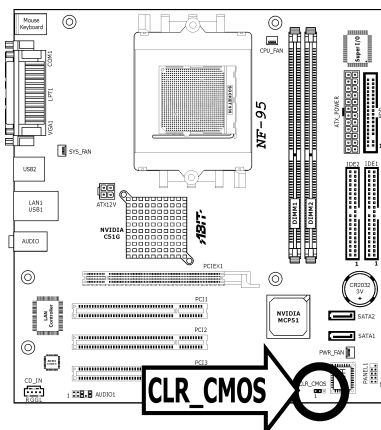
The time to clear the CMOS memory occurs when (a) the CMOS data becomes corrupted, (b) you forgot the supervisor or user password preset in the BIOS menu, (c) you are unable to boot-up the system because the CPU ratio/clock was incorrectly set in the BIOS menu.

This header uses a jumper cap to clear the CMOS memory and have it reconfigured to the default values stored in the ROM BIOS.

- **Pins 1 and 2 shorted (default):** Normal operation.
- **Pins 2 and 3 shorted:** Clear CMOS memory.

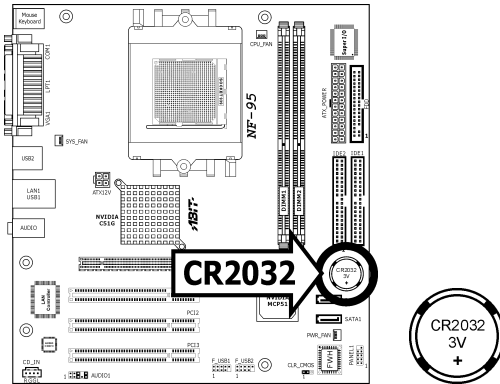
### To clear the CMOS memory and load the default values:

1. Power off the system.
2. Set pin 2 and pin 3 shorted by the jumper cap. Wait for a few seconds. Set the jumper cap back to its default settings --- pin 1 and pin 2 shorted.
3. Power on the system.
4. For incorrect CPU ratio/clock settings in the BIOS, press <Del> key to enter the BIOS setup menu right after powering on system.
5. Set the CPU operating speed back to its default or an appropriate value.
6. Save and exit the BIOS setup menu.



## CMOS Backup Battery:

An onboard battery saves the CMOS memory to keep the BIOS information stays on even after disconnected your system with power source. Nevertheless, this backup battery exhausts after some five years. Once the **"CMOS checksum error"** message displays on monitor, the battery is no longer functional and has to be renewed.



### To renew the backup battery:

1. Power off the system and disconnect with AC power source.
2. Remove the exhausted battery.
3. Insert a new CR2032 or equivalent battery. Pay attention to its polarity. The "+" side is its positive polarity.
4. Connect AC power source and power on the system.
5. Enter the BIOS setup menu. Reconfigure the setup parameters if necessary.

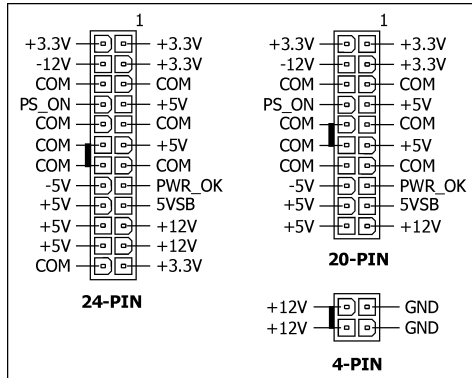
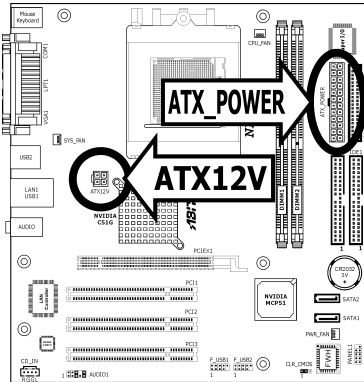
### CAUTION:

- ※ **Danger of explosion may arise if battery is incorrectly renewed.**
- ※ **Renew only with the same or equivalent type recommended by the battery manufacturer.**
- ※ **Dispose of used batteries according to the battery manufacturer's instructions.**

## 2.4 Connecting Chassis Components

### 2.4.1 ATX Power Connectors

These connectors provide the connection from an ATX power supply. As the plugs from the power supply fit in only one orientation, find the correct one and push firmly down into these connectors.



#### ATX 24-Pin Power Connector:

The power supply with 20-pin or 24-pin cables can both be connected to this 24-pin connector. Connect from pin-1 for either type. However, a 20-pin power supply may cause the system unstable or even unbootable for the sake of insufficient electricity. A minimum power of 300W or higher is recommended.

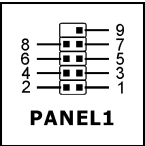
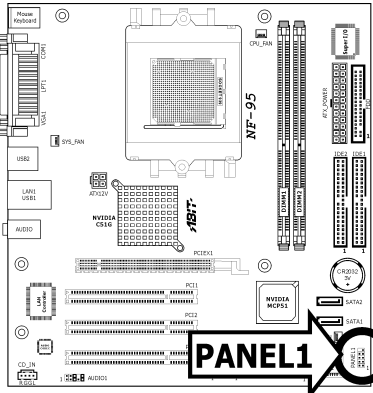
#### ATX 12V 4-Pin Power Connector:

This 4-pin 12V power connector mainly supplies power to the CPU. Note that the system will not start without connecting power to this connector.

### 2.4.2 Front Panel Switches & Indicators Headers

This header is used for connecting switches and LED indicators on the chassis front panel.

Watch the power LED pin position and orientation. The mark “+” align to the pin in the figure below stands for positive polarity for the LED connection. Please pay attention to connect these headers. A wrong orientation will only cause the LED not lighting, but a wrong connection of the switches could cause system malfunction.

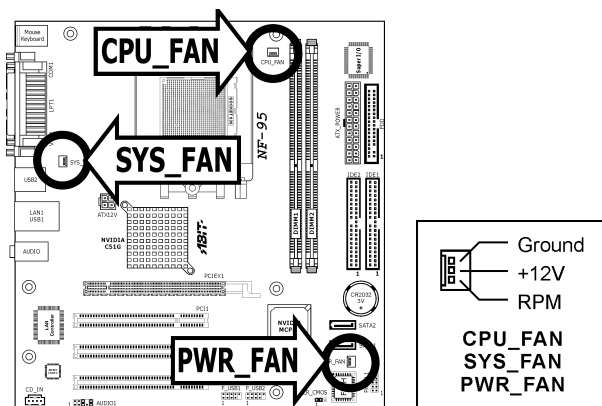


Pin	Definition	Pin	Definition
1	HD LED +	2	MSG LED +
3	HD LED -	4	MSG LED -
5	RESET	6	Power Switch
7	RESET	8	Power Switch
9	Reserved		

## 2.4.3 FAN Power Connectors

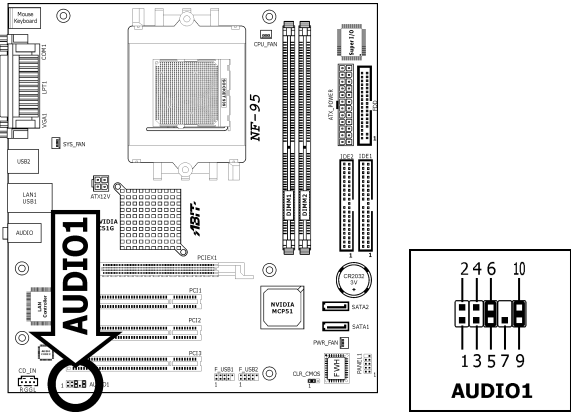
These connectors each provide power to the cooling fans installed in your system.

- **CPU\_FAN:** CPU Fan Power Connector
  - **SYS\_FAN:** System Fan Power Connector
  - **PWR\_FAN:** Auxiliary Fan Power Connector
- ※ These fan connectors are not jumpers. DO NOT place jumper caps on these connectors.



### 2.4.4 Front Panel Audio Connection Header

This header provides the auxiliary front-oriented microphone and line-out audio connection for easier access.



Pin	Signal Name	Function
1	AUD_MIC	Front Panel Microphone input signal
2	AUD_GND	Ground used by Analog Audio Circuits
3	AUD_MIC_BIAS	Microphone Power
4	AUD_VCC	Filtered +5V used by Analog Audio Circuits
5	AUD_F_R	Right Channel audio signal to Front Panel
6	AUD_RET_R	Right Channel Audio signal to Return from Front Panel
7	REVD	Reserved
8	Key	No Pin
9	AUD_F_L	Left Channel Audio signal to Front Panel
10	AUD_RET_L	Left Channel Audio signal to Return from Front Panel



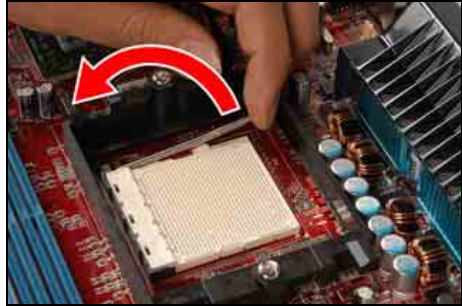
## 2.5 Installing Hardware

- ※ **DO NOT scratch the motherboard when installing hardware. An accidentally scratch of a tiny surface-mount component may seriously damage the motherboard.**

### 2.5.1 CPU Socket 939

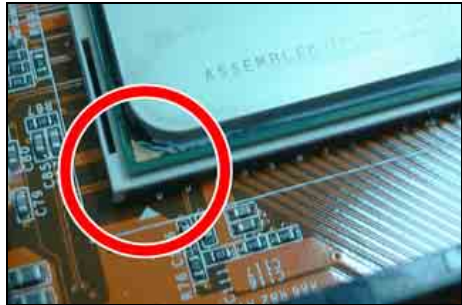
DO NOT touch or bend the delicate pins on the CPU whenever you are holding it.

1. Pull out the socket lever away from the socket and fully lift it up over 90-degree angle.



2. Locate and align the triangle mark with both the CPU and the socket body. Vertically place the CPU with its pin-side down into the socket.

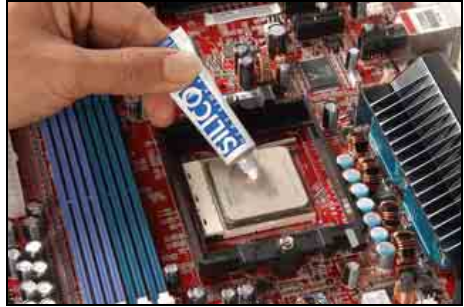
Be careful to insert the CPU into the socket. The CPU only fits in one orientation with the socket. DO NOT force the CPU into the socket.



3. After placing the CPU into position, push the socket lever down into its locked position to secure the CPU. The lever clicks when it's locked into position.



4. The heatsink for CPU may have thermal interface material attached to its bottom. If not, applying a few squeeze of thermal paste to the CPU die will help to increase the contact.



5. Place the heatsink and fan assembly onto the retention frame. Match the heatsink clip with the socket mounting-lug. Hook the spring clip to the mounting-lug.

Put the CPU Fan down on the retention module and snap the four retention legs of the cooling fan into place.



6. On the other side, push the retention clip straight down to lock into the plastic lug on the retention frame.



7. Flip the lever over to lock the heat sink in place.



8. Connect the CPU cooling fan power cable to the CPUFAN connector on this motherboard.



- ※ The installation procedures vary with different types of CPU fan-and-heatsink assembly. The one shown here is served for demo only. For detailed information on how to install the one you bought, refer to its installation guidelines.
- ※ A higher fan speed will be helpful for better airflow and heat-dissipation. Nevertheless, stay alert to touch any heatsink since the high temperature generated by the working system is still possible.

## 2.5.2 DDR Memory Slots

This motherboard provides 2x 184-pin un-buffered DDR SDRAM slots for the installation of single or dual channel DDR400/333 memory modules maximum up to 2GB capacity.

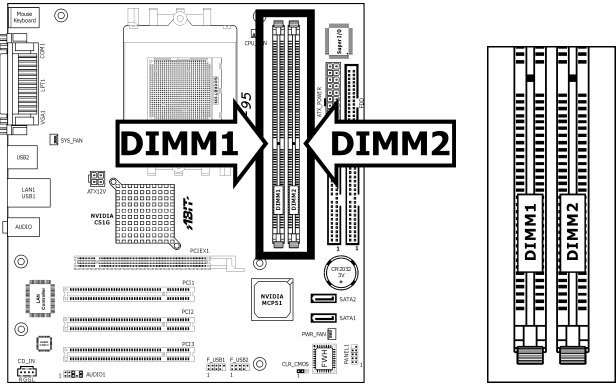


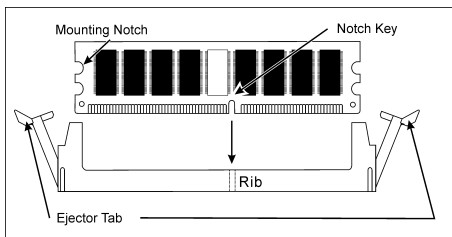
Table 2-1. Unbuffered DIMM Support For AMD 939-pin Processor

Data Bus	Chip Selects		Maximum DRAM Speed	
	DIMM1	DIMM2	1T	2T
64-bits (Single Channel)	Single Rank	N/A	DDR400	DDR400
	Double Rank	N/A	DDR400	DDR400
128-bits (Dual Channel)	Single Rank	Single Rank	DDR400	DDR400
	Double Rank	Double Rank	DDR400	DDR400

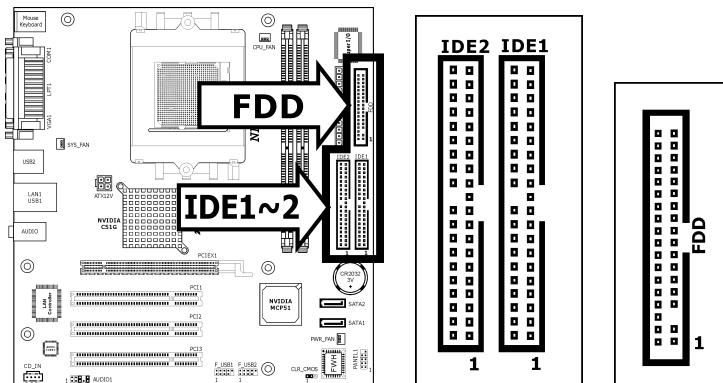
※ To reach the optimum performance in dual-channel configurations, install DDR DIMM pairs at the same density, DRAM technology and bus width for both slots.

### To install system memory:

1. Power off the computer and unplug the AC power cord before installing or removing memory modules.
  2. Locate the DIMM slot on the board.
  3. Hold two edges of the DIMM module carefully, keep away of touching its connectors.
  4. Align the notch key on the module with the rib on the slot.
  5. Firmly press the module into the slots until the ejector tabs at both sides of the slot automatically snaps into the mounting notch. Do not force the DIMM module in with extra force as the DIMM module only fit in one direction.
  6. To remove the DIMM modules, push the two ejector tabs on the slot outward simultaneously, and then pull out the DIMM module.
- ※ **Static electricity can damage the electronic components of the computer or optional boards. Before starting these procedures, ensure that you are discharged of static electricity by touching a grounded metal object briefly.**



## 2.5.3 Floppy and IDE Disk Drive Connectors

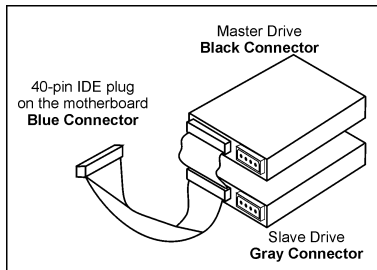


The FDD connector connects up to two floppy drives with a 34-wire, 2-connector floppy cable. Connect the single end at the longer length of ribbon cable to the FDD on the board, the two connectors on the other end to the floppy disk drives connector. Generally you need only one floppy disk drive in your system.

※ **The red line on the ribbon cable must be aligned with pin-1 on both the FDD port and the floppy connector.**

Each of the IDE port connects up to two IDE drives at Ultra ATA/100 mode by one 40-pin, 80-conductor, and 3-conductor Ultra ATA/66 ribbon cables.

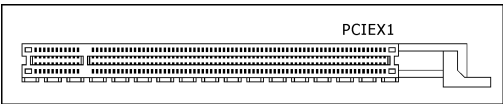
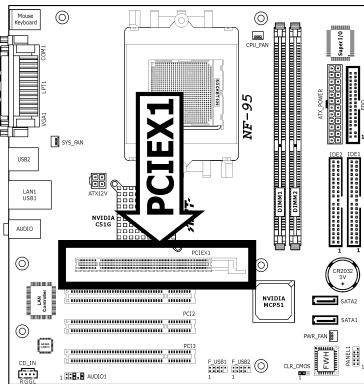
Connect the single end (blue connector) at the longer length of ribbon cable to the IDE port of this board, the other two ends (gray and black connector) at the shorter length of the ribbon cable to the connectors of your hard drives.



※ **Make sure to configure the “Master” and “Slave” relation before connecting two drives by one single ribbon cable. The red line on the ribbon cable must be aligned with pin-1 on both the IDE port and the hard-drive connector.**

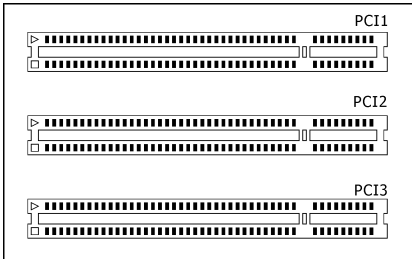
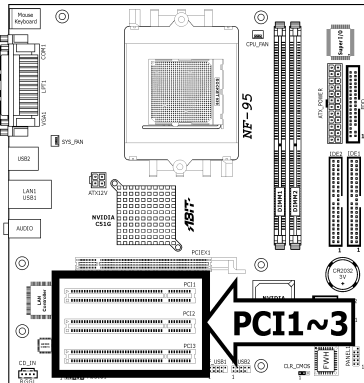
## 2.5.4 PCI Express X16 Add-on Slots

This slot supports the connection of graphics card that comply with PCI Express specifications.



## 2.5.5 PCI Add-on Slots

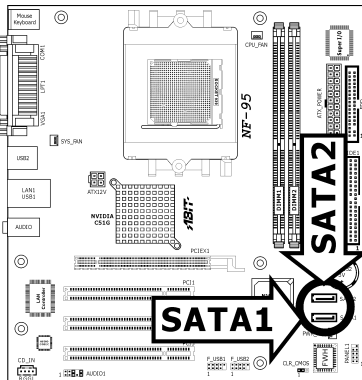
These slots provide the connection of add-on cards that comply with PCI specifications.



# 2.5.6 Serial ATA Connectors

Each SATA connector serves as one single channel to connect one SATA device by a thin SATA cable.

※ A RAID 0 or RAID 1 disk array configuration is possible through these SATA connectors, but both the item “On-Chip SATA Controller” and its sub-item “RAID Mode” in the “IDE Function Setup” BIOS menu has to be set to [Enabled] first.



SATA power cable (optional)

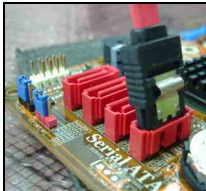


SATA signal cable (optional)



## To connect SATA device:

1. Attach either end of the signal cable to the SATA connector on motherboard. Attach the other end to SATA device.
2. Attach the SATA power cable to the SATA device and connect the other end from the power supply.



## To convert between PATA and SATA:

The optional “SERILLEL” is a convenient accessory to convert between parallel and serial devices for this type of motherboard designed with the SATA controller from Silicon Image.

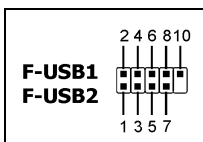
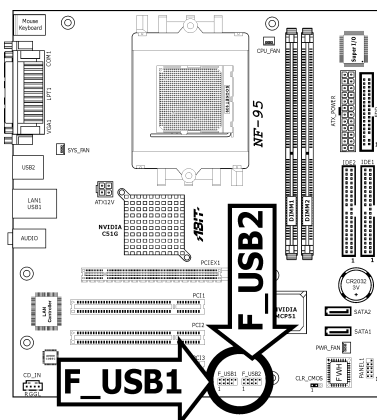




## 2.6 Connecting Optional Devices

### 2.6.1 Additional USB 2.0 Port Headers

Besides the 4x USB 2.0 ports located at rear I/O part, this motherboard also features 2x more USB 2.0 headers onboard. Each header supports 2x additional USB 2.0 ports by connecting bracket or cable to the rear I/O panel or the front-mounted USB ports of your chassis.

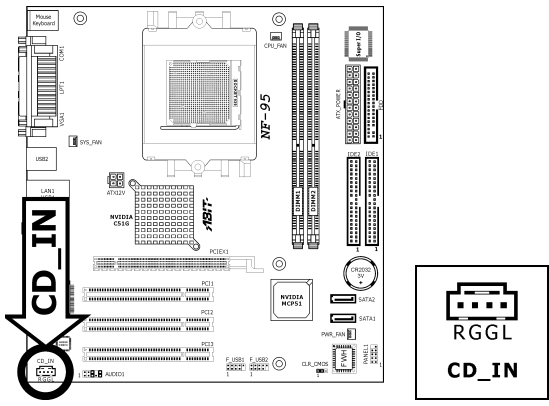


Pin	Pin Assignment	Pin	Pin Assignment
1	VCC	2	VCC
3	Data0 -	4	Data1 -
5	Data0 +	6	Data1 +
7	Ground	8	Ground
9	NC	10	NC

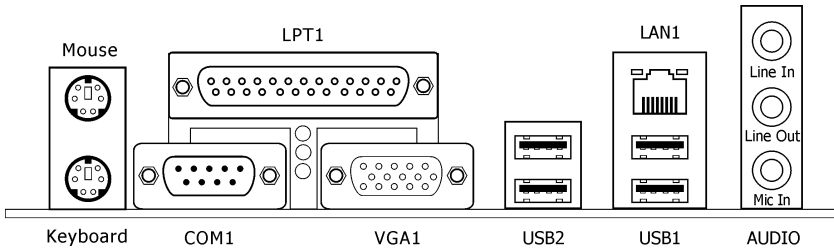
※ Make sure the connecting cable bears the same pin assignment.

# 2.6.2 Internal Audio Connector

These connectors connect to the audio output of internal CD-ROM drive or add-on card.



## 2.7 Connecting I/O Devices



- **Mouse:** Connects to PS/2 mouse.
- **Keyboard:** Connects to PS/2 keyboard.
- **LPT1:** Connects to printer or other devices that support this communication protocol.
- **COM1:** Connects to external modem, mouse or other devices that support this communication protocol.
- **VGA1:** Connects to monitor input.
- **LAN1:** Connects to Local Area Network.
- **USB1/USB2:** Connects to USB devices such as scanner, digital speakers, monitor, mouse, keyboard, hub, digital camera, joystick etc.
- **AUDIO:**
  - Line In:** Connects to the line out from external audio sources.
  - Line Out:** Connects to the front left and front right channel in the 5.1-channel or regular 2-channel audio system.
  - Mic In:** Connects to the plug from external microphone.

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### 3. BIOS Setup

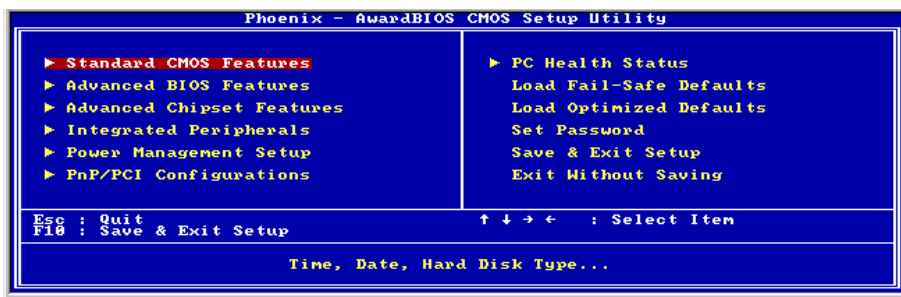
This motherboard provides a programmable EEPROM that you can update the BIOS utility. The BIOS (Basic Input/Output System) is a program that deals with the basic level of communication between processor and peripherals. Use the BIOS Setup program only when installing motherboard, reconfiguring system, or prompted to "Run Setup". This chapter explains the Setup Utility of BIOS utility.

After powering up the system, the BIOS message appears on the screen, the memory count begins, and then the following message appears on the screen:

#### PRESS DEL TO ENTER SETUP

If this message disappears before you respond, restart the system by pressing <Ctrl> + <Alt> + <Del> keys, or by pressing the Reset button on computer chassis. Only when it failed by these two methods can you restart the system by powering it off and then back on.

After pressing <Del> key, the main menu screen appears.



- ※ In order to increase system stability and performance, our engineering staffs are constantly improving the BIOS menu. The BIOS setup screens and descriptions illustrated in this manual are for your reference only, and may not completely match with what you see on your screen.

### 3.1 Standard CMOS Features



#### Date (mm:dd:yy)

This item sets the date you specify (usually the current date) in the format of [Month], [Date], and [Year].

#### Time (hh:mm:ss)

This item sets the time you specify (usually the current time) in the format of [Hour], [Minute], and [Second].

#### IDE Channel 1 Master/Slave, IDE Channel 2 Master/Slave, IDE Channel 3 Master, IDE Channel 4 Master

Click <Enter> key to enter its submenu:



※ The items "IDE Channel 3 Master" and "IDE Channel 4 Master" appear only when the item "On-Chip SATA Controller" in the "IDE Function Setup" menu is set to the default [Enabled] parameter.

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### IDE HDD Auto-Detection

This item allows you to detect the parameters of IDE drives by pressing <Enter> key. The parameters will be shown on the screen automatically.

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### IDE Channel 1 Master/Slave, IDE Channel 2 Master/Slave, Extended IDE Drive

When set to [Auto], the BIOS will automatically check what kind of IDE drive you are using. If you want to define your own drive by yourself, set it to [Manual] and make sure you fully understand the meaning of the parameters. Please refer to the instruction manual provided by the device's manufacturer to get the setting right.

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### Access Mode

This item selects the mode to access your IDE devices. Leave this item to its default [Auto] setting to detect the access mode of your HDD automatically.

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### Capacity

This item displays the approximate capacity of the disk drive. Usually the size is slightly greater than the size of a formatted disk given by a disk-checking program.

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### Cylinder

This item configures the numbers of cylinders.

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### Head

This item configures the numbers of read/write heads.

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### Precomp

This item displays the number of cylinders at which to change the write timing.

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### Landing Zone

This item displays the number of cylinders specified as the landing zone for the read/write heads.

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### Sector

This item configures the numbers of sectors per track.



## Back to Standard CMOS Features Setup Menu

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### Drive A

This item sets the type of floppy drives (usually only Drive A) installed.

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### Floppy 3 Mode Support

This item allows you to use "3 Mode Floppy Drive" in Japanese computer systems by selecting drive A, B, or both. Leave this item to its default [Disabled] setting if you are not using this Japanese standard floppy drive.

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## **Halt On**

This item determines whether the system stops if an error is detected during system boot-up.

**[All Errors]:** The system-boot will stop whenever the BIOS detect a non-fatal error.

**[No Errors]:** The system-boot will not stop for any error detected.

**[All, But Keyboard]:** The system-boot will stop for all errors except a keyboard error.

**[All, But Diskette]:** The system-boot will stop for all errors except a diskette error.

**[All, But Disk/Key]:** The system-boot will stop for all errors except a diskette or keyboard error.

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## **Base Memory**

This item displays the amount of base memory installed in the system. The value of the base memory is typically 640K for system with 640K or more memory size installed on the motherboard.

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## **Extended Memory**

This item displays the amount of extended memory detected during system boot-up.

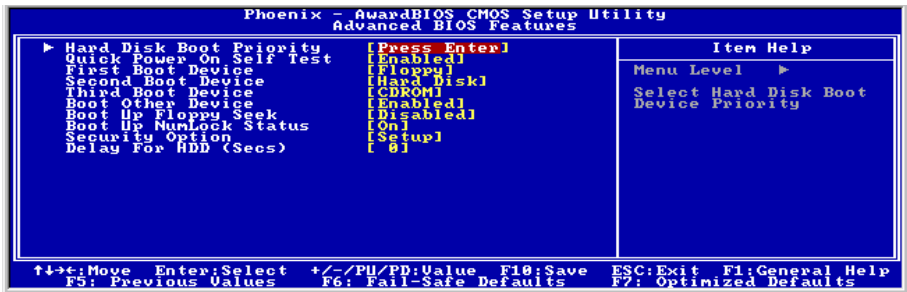
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## **Total Memory**

This item displays the total memory available in the system.



## 3.2 Advanced BIOS Features



### Hard Disk Boot Priority

This item selects the hard disks booting priority. By pressing <Enter> key, you can enter its submenu where the hard disks detected can be selected for the booting sequence to boot up system.

This item functions only when there is the option of [Hard Disk] in any one of the First/Second/Third Boot Device items.

### Quick Power On Self Test

When set to [Enabled], this item speeds up the Power On Self Test (POST) after powering on the system. The BIOS shorten or skip some check during the POST.

### First Boot Device / Second Boot Device / Third Boot Device / Boot Other Device

Select the drive to boot first, second and third in the [First Boot Device], [Second Boot Device], and [Third Boot Device] items respectively. The BIOS will boot the operating system according to the sequence of the drive selected. Set [Boot Other Device] to [Enabled] if you wish to boot from another device other than these three items.

### Boot Up Floppy Seek

When set to [Enabled], the BIOS will check whether the floppy disk drive is installed or not.

### Boot Up NumLock Status

This item determines the default state of the numeric keypad at system booting up.

**[On]:** The numeric keypad functions as number keys.

**[Off]:** The numeric keypad functions as arrow keys.

### Security Option

This item determines when the system will prompt for password - every time the system boots or only when enters the BIOS setup.

**[Setup]:** The password is required only when accessing the BIOS Setup.

**[System]:** The password is required each time the computer boots up.

※ **Don't forget your password. If you forget the password, you will have to open the computer case and clear all information in the CMOS before you can start up the system. But by doing this, you will have to reset all previously set options.**

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### **Delay For HDD (Secs)**

This item allows the BIOS to support some old or special IDE devices by prolonging this delay time. A larger value will give more delay time to the device for which to initialize and to prepare for activation.

### 3.3 Advanced Chipset Features



#### Onboard GPU

This item enables the onboard GPU function. Disable this item if you are going to install an external GPU.

#### Frame Buffer Size

This item specifies the Onboard VGA share memory size.

#### K8<->NB HT Speed

This item sets the speed of HyperTransport between CPU and Northbridge.

#### NB<->SB HT Speed

This item sets the speed of HyperTransport from Northbridge to Southbridge.

#### NB<->SB HT Speed

This item sets the speed of HyperTransport from Southbridge to Northbridge.

#### K8<->NB HT Width

This item sets the HyperTransport width between CPU and Northbridge

#### NB<->SB HT Width

This item sets the HyperTransport width between Northbridge and Southbridge.

## DRAM Configuration

Click <Enter> key to enter its submenu:



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### DRAM Timing Selectable

This item sets the optimal timings for the following four items, depending on the memory module you are using. The default setting "By SPD" configures these four items by reading the contents in the SPD (Serial Presence Detect) device. The EEPROM on the memory module stores critical parameter information about the module, such as memory type, size, speed, voltage interface, and module banks.

- **DRAM Clock**

This item controls the number of DRAM clocks used for the DRAM parameters.

- **CAS Latency Time**

This item controls the latency between the DRAM read command and the time that the data becomes actually available.

- **Min RAS# Active Time**

This item specifies the minimum RAS# active time.

- **RAS# to CAS# Delay**

This item controls the latency between the DRAM active command and the read/write command.

- **RAS# Precharge Time**

This item controls the idle clocks after issuing a precharge command to the DRAM.

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### User Config mode

This item manually sets the DRAM configuration or controlled by BIOS.

- **1T/2T Memory Timing**

This item manually specifies the DRAM memory time mode.

- **Read Preamble value**

This item manually specifies the DRAM read preamble value.

- **Async Latency value**

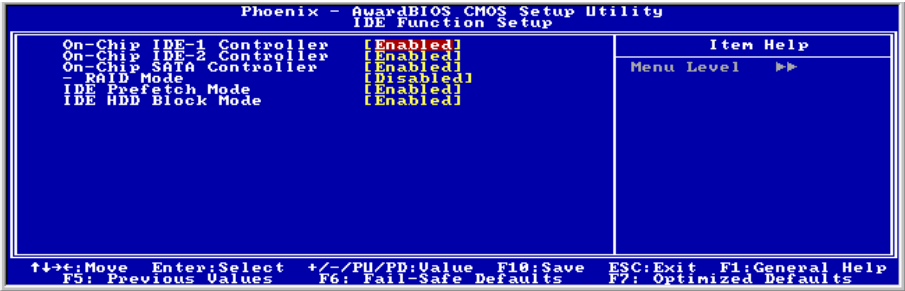
This item manually specifies the DRAM asynchronous latency value.

### 3.4 Integrated Peripherals



#### IDE Function Setup

Click <Enter> key to enter its submenu:



#### On-Chip IDE-1/IDE-2 Controller

This item selects whether to enable or disable the IDE1/IDE2 controller.

#### On-Chip SATA Controller

This item selects whether to enable or disable the SATA controller.

#### - RAID Mode

This item selects whether to enable or disable the RAID controller.

#### IDE Prefetch Mode:

The onboard IDE drive interfaces supports IDE prefetching for faster drive accesses. If you install a primary and/or secondary add-in IDE interface, set this field to *Disabled* if the interface does not support prefetching.

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## IDE HDD Block Mode

Block mode is also called block transfer, multiple commands, or multiple sectors read/write. If your IDE hard drive supports block mode (most new drives do), select Enabled for automatic detection of the optimal number of block reads/writes per sector the drive can support.

## Onboard Device

Click <Enter> key to enter its submenu:



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### Init Display First

This item allows you to choose the primary display card.

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### On-Chip USB Controller

This option enables or disables the USB controller.

#### - USB Keyboard Support via

Select **[BIOS]** (the default setting) for the legacy operating system (such as DOS) that does not support USB keyboard.

#### - USB Mouse Support via

Select **[BIOS]** (the default setting) for the legacy operating system (such as DOS) that does not support USB mouse.

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### On-Chip Audio Controller

This option enables or disables the audio controller.

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### Onboard LAN Controller:

This option enables or disables the LAN controller.

#### - LAN Boot ROM:

This item allows you to use the boot ROM (instead of a disk drive) to boot-up the system and access the local area network directly.

## SuperIO Device

Click <Enter> key to enter its submenu:



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### Onboard FDD Controller

This option enables or disables the onboard FDD controller.

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### Onboard Serial Port

This item determines which I/O addresses the onboard Serial Port controller will access.

**[Auto]:** The system automatically select an I/O address for the onboard Serial Port.

**[3F8/IRQ4, 2F8/IRQ3, 3E8/IRQ4, 2E8/IRQ3]:** Allows you to manually select an I/O address for the onboard Serial Port.

**[Disabled]:** Disables the onboard Serial Port.

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### Onboard Parallel Port

This item specifies the I/O address used by the parallel port.

**[Disabled]:** This option prevents the parallel port from accessing any system resources. When the value of this option is set to [Disabled], the printer port becomes unavailable.

**[378/IRQ7]:** This option allows the parallel port to use [378/IRQ7] as its I/O port address. The majority of parallel ports on computer systems use IRQ7 and I/O Port 378H as the standard setting.

**[278/IRQ5]:** This option allows the parallel port to use [278/IRQ5] as its I/O port address.

**[3BC/IRQ7]:** This option allows the parallel port to use [3BC/IRQ7] as its I/O port address.

#### - Parallel Port Mode

This item specifies the parallel port mode.

**[SPP]:** (Standard Parallel Port) Allows bi-directional parallel port operation at normal speed.

**[EPP]:** (Enhanced Parallel Port) Allows bi-directional parallel port operation at maximum speed.

**[ECP]:** (Extended Capabilities Port) Allows bi-directional parallel port operation at a speed faster than the normal mode's data transfer rate.



**[ECP+EPP]:** Allows parallel port operation at ECP and EPP mode.

- **ECP Mode Use DMA**

This item selects the DMA channel of the parallel port.

### 3.5 Power Management Setup



#### ACPI Suspend Type

This item selects the type of Suspend mode.

**[S1(POS)]:** Enables the Power On Suspend function.

**[S3(STR)]:** Enables the Suspend to RAM function.

#### - Resume by USB From S3

When set to [Enabled], this item allows you to use a USB device to wake up a system that is in the S3 (STR - Suspend To RAM) state. This item can be configured only if the item "ACPI Suspend Type" is set to [S3(STR)].

#### Power Button Function

This item selects the method of powering off your system:

**[Delay 4 Sec.]:** Pushing the power button for more than 4 seconds will power off the system. This will prevent the system from powering off in case you accidentally hit or pushed the power button.

**[Instant-Off]:** Pressing and then releasing the power button at once will immediately power off the system.

#### Power On Function

This item selects the way you want your system to power on.

**[Password]:** Use a password to power on the system, select this option then press <Enter>. Enter your password. You can enter up to 5 characters. Type in exactly the same password to confirm, and then press <Enter>.

**[Hot KEY]:** Use any of the function keys between <F1> to <F12> to power on the system.

**[Mouse Left]:** Double click the mouse left button to power on the system.

**[Mouse Right]:** Double click the mouse right button to power on the system.

**[Any KEY]:** Use any keyboard keys to power on the system.

**[Button Only]:** Use only the power button to power on the system.

**[Keyboard 98]:** Use the power-on button on the "Keyboard 98" compatible keyboard to power on the system.

※ **The mouse wake up function can only be used with the PS/2 mouse, not with the COM port or USB type. Some PS/2 mice cannot wake up the system because of compatible problems. If the specs of your keyboard are too old, it may fail to power on.**

- **KB Power ON Password**

This item sets the password required in order to power on your computer.

※ **Do not forget your password, or you will have to clear the CMOS and reset all parameters in order to utilize this function again.**

- **Hot Key Power ON**

This item powers on the system by pressing <Ctrl> key plus one of each function key (<F1> ~ <F12>) simultaneously.

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### **Restore On AC Power Loss**

This item selects the system action after an AC power failure.

**[Power Off]:** When power returns after an AC power failure, the system's power remains off. You must press the Power button to power-on the system.

**[Power On]:** When power returns after an AC power failure, the system's power will be powered on automatically.

**[Last State]:** When power returns after an AC power failure, the system will return to the state where you left off before power failure occurs. If the system's power is off when AC power failure occurs, it will remain off when power returns. If the system's power is on when AC power failure occurs, the system will power-on when power returns.

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### **Wake Up by PCI PME#**

When set to **[Enabled]**, access to the onboard LAN or a PCI card such as a modem or LAN card will cause the system to wake up. The PCI card must support the wake up function.

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### **Wake Up by Ring:**

When set to **[Enabled]**, any event affecting from Modem Ring will awaken a system that has been powered down.

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### **Wake Up by Alarm**

When set to **[Enabled]**, you can set the date and time you would like the Soft-Off PC to power-on in the **"Date (of Month) Alarm"** and **"Time (hh:mm:ss) Alarm"** items. However, if the system is being accessed by incoming calls or the network (Resume On Ring/LAN) prior to the date and time set in these items, the system will give priority to the incoming calls or network instead.

- **Date (of Month) Alarm**

**[0]:** This option power-on the system everyday according to the time set in the "Time (hh:mm:ss) Alarm" item.

**[1-31]:** This option selects a date you would like the system to power-on. The system will power-on on the date set, and the time set in the "Time (hh:mm:ss) Alarm" item.

- **Time (hh:mm:ss) Alarm**

This item sets the time you would like the system to power-on.

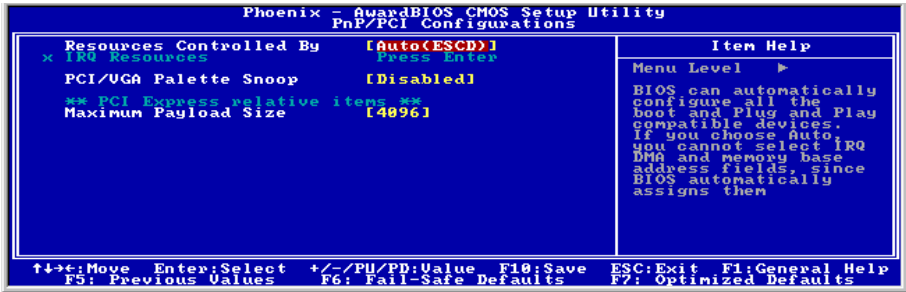
This item sets the password required in order to power on your computer.

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**AMD K8 Cool 'n' Quiet Control:**

This item helps the system to lower the frequency when CPU idles. The temperature will drop automatically when the frequency decreases. Leave this item to its default [Auto] setting and install the Cool 'n' Quiet driver.

## 3.6 PnP/PCI Configurations



### Resources Controlled By

This item configures all of the boot and Plug-and-Play compatible devices.

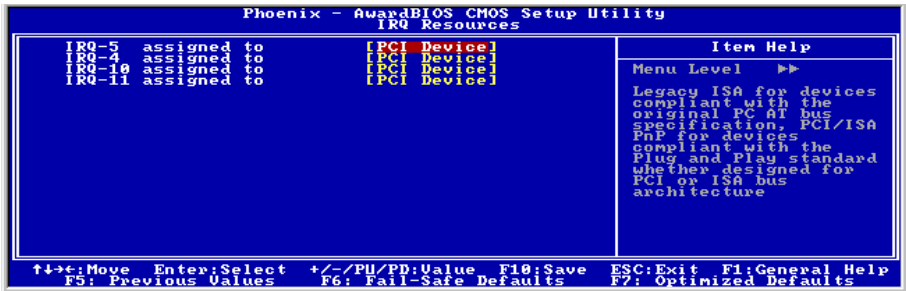
**[Auto(ESCD)]:** The system will automatically detect the settings.

**[Manual]:** Choose the specific IRQ resources in the "IRQ Resources" menu.

### - IRQ Resources

Click <Enter> key to enter its submenu:

This item sets each system interrupt to either [PCI Device] or [Reserved].



### Back to PnP/PCI Configurations Setup Menu

### PCI/VGA Palette Snoop

This item determines whether the MPEG ISA/VESA VGA cards can work with PCI/VGA or not.

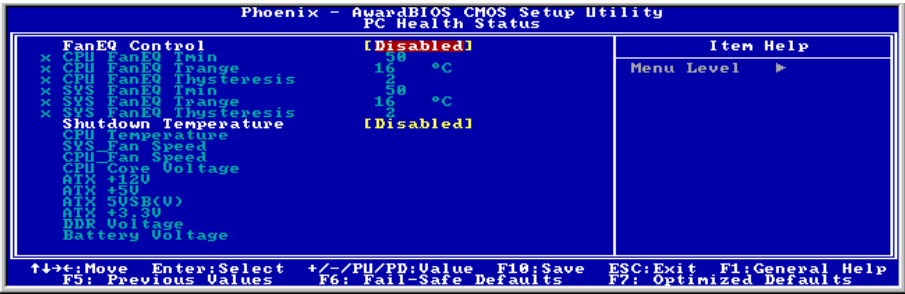
**[Enabled]:** MPEG ISA/VESA VGA cards work with PCI/VGA.

**[Disabled]:** MPEG ISA/VESA VGA cards do not work with PCI/VGA.

### Maximum Payload Size

This item sets the maximum TLP payload size for the PCI Express devices.

### 3.7 PC Health Status



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#### FanEQ Control

This item determines the temperature threshold to raise the fan attached at CPU and SYS fan headers up to their full speed.

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#### Shutdown Temperature

This item determines the temperature threshold to shut down system.

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#### All Voltages, Fans Speed and Thermal Monitoring

These unchangeable items list the current status of the CPU and environment temperatures, fan speeds, and system power voltage.

## 3.8 Load Fail-Safe Defaults

This option loads the BIOS default values for the most stable, minimal-performance system operations.

## 3.9 Load Optimized Defaults

This option loads the BIOS default values that are factory settings for optimal-performance system operations.

## 3.10 Set Password

This option protects the BIOS configuration or restricts access to the computer itself.

## 3.11 Save & Exit Setup

This option saves your selections and exits the BIOS setup menu.

## 3.12 Exit Without Saving

This option exits the BIOS setup menu without saving any changes.



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## 4. Driver & Utility CD Support

The "Driver & Utility CD" bundled with this motherboard contains drivers, utilities and software applications required to set up this motherboard. To enter the auto-run screen of the installation menu, place the "Driver & Utility CD" into the CD-ROM drive in your system. The auto-run screen should appear. If not, browse the root directory of the CD-ROM via the File Manager, and double click the "AUTORUN" file.



- **[Drivers]:** Click on this tab to enter the menu of drivers/utilities installation.
- **[Manual]:** Click on this tab to enter the menu of viewing the user's manual in PDF format.
- **[Utility]:** Click on this tab to enter the menu for installing utilities.
- **[ABIT Utility]:** Click on this tab to enter the menu for installing utilities exclusively developed by ABIT.
- [  **Browse CD** ]: Click on this icon to enter the menu for browsing the contents of this "Driver & Utility CD".
- [  **Close** ]: Click on this icon to exit this installation menu.

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# 5. Appendix

## 5.1 Troubleshooting (How to Get Technical Support?)

### 5.1.1 Q & A

**Q: Do I need to clear the CMOS before I use a new motherboard to assemble my new computer system?**

A: Yes, we highly recommend that you clear the CMOS before installing a new motherboard. Please move the CMOS jumper from its default 1-2 position to 2-3 for a few seconds, and then back. When you boot up your system for the first time, follow the instructions in the user's manual to load the optimized defaults.

**Q: If my system hangs when I update the BIOS or set the wrong CPU parameters, what should I do?**

A: Whenever you update the BIOS or if the system hangs due to wrong CPU parameters setting, always clear CMOS jumper before booting up again.

**Q: Why does the system fail to boot up again right after a mechanical power-off?**

A: Please keep a 30-second interval between each mechanical power On/Off.

**Q: Why does the system fail to boot up and nothing displays on the screen after I did some over-clocking or non-standard settings inside the BIOS?**

A: It should not cause hardware or permanent damage to motherboard when BIOS settings were changed from default to over-clocking or non-standard status.

We suggest the following three troubleshooting methods to discharge CMOS data, recover the hardware default status, and then making the motherboard work again. There is no need to bother returning the motherboard to where you bought it from or go through an RMA process.

**Step 1.** Switch off the power supply unit and then switch it on again after one minute. If there is no power-switch on the power supply unit, disconnect its power cord for one minute and then reconnect.

Press and hold the <Insert> key on the keyboard, and press the power-on button to boot up system. If it works, release the <Insert> key and hit <Del> key to enter the BIOS setup page to apply the correct settings.

If the situation remains the same, repeat the procedures in Step 1 for three times, or try Step 2.

**Step 2.** Switch off the power supply unit or disconnect the power cord. Open the chassis cover. Locate the CCMOS jumper near the button battery. Change the jumper position from default 1-2 to 2-3 for one minute to discharge the CMOS data, and then put it back to default 1-2 position.

Close the chassis and switch on the power supply unit or plug in the power cord. Press the power-on button to boot up system. If it works, hit <Del> key to enter the BIOS setup page to do the correct settings.

If the situation remains the same, try Step 3.

**Step 3.** The same procedure as Step 2, but while discharging the CMOS data, pull out the ATX power connectors from motherboard and remove the button battery during CMOS discharge.

**Q: How to get a quick response for my request on technical support?**

A: Please carry out a simple troubleshooting before sending "**Technical Support Form**":

**System boot-up fails after the system had been assembled:**

Check the motherboard's supporting specifications first to see if all the key components attached in your system can meet.

To do so, you may:

- ✦ Remove all the unnecessary add-on devices (except the CPU, VGA card, DRAM, and Power Supply), and then reboot.
- ✦ If the trouble still exists, try another VGA card of different brand/model to see if the system will start.
- ✦ If the trouble still exists, try another memory module of different brand/model.
- ✦ If the trouble still exists, try another CPU and Power Supply.

If the system runs successfully, shut it down and start re-installing the interface cards and devices that were previously installed in the system. Re-install and start the system one at a time until the system won't start.

**Malfunction in the OS:**

If the system hangs after resuming from S3 or some testing program, if the CPU cannot be recognized properly, if the display resolution mixed, or if a certain program cannot be executed, etc, you may:

- ✦ Upgrade the motherboard's latest BIOS version.
- ✦ Upgrade the add-on device's latest driver version.
- ✦ Check if there is any conflict in the "Control Panel/System Properties".

**Q: How to fill in the "Technical Support Form"?**

A: To fill in this "**Technical Support Form**", please refer to the following instructions:

- **Region:** Type in your country name.
- **E-mail:** Type in your contact E-mail information.
- **First name:** Type in your first name.
- **Last name:** Type in your last name.
- **Subject:** Type in the model name and the problem of your motherboard.  
Example 1: AA8XE and SCSI 29160 malfunction  
Example 2: AA8XE boot fails, POST code AF  
Example 3: AA8XE (system hang when S3 resume)
- **Motherboard:** Type in the model name and revision number of your motherboard.  
Example: AA8XE REV: 1.00
- **BIOS Version:** Type in the BIOS version of your motherboard. (You can find it on the screen during the POST sequence.)

- **CPU:** Type in the brand name and the speed (MHz) of your CPU. (Illustrate the over-clocking status if you had done so.)  
Example: Intel 650 3.4GHz (OC FSB=220MHz)
- **Memory brand:** Type in the brand and model name of your memory module.  
Example: Memory brand: Kingston (KVR533D2N4/1G)
- **Memory size:** Type in the size of your memory module.  
Example: 512M\* 4PCS
- **Memory configuration:** Type in the memory configuration in BIOS setting.  
Example: Memory Timing: 2.5-3-3-7 @533MHz
- **Graphics information:** Note Graphics card's brand, model and driver version
- **Graphics card:** Type in the brand and model name of your graphics card.  
Example: ATI RADEON X850 XT PE
- **Graphics driver version:** Type in the driver version of your graphics card  
Example: Catalyst 5.12V
- **Power supply maker:** Type in the brand and model name of your power supply unit.
- **Power supply wattage:** Type in the power wattage of your power supply unit.
- **Storage devices:** Type in the brand and specifications of your HDD drive and quantity. Specify if it was inserted on IDE (Master or Slave) or SATA ports, including the RAID allocation status.  
Example 1: WD Caviar WD600 60GB (on IDE2 master), Maxtor DiamondMax 10 SATA 300GB (on SATA 3)  
Example 2: Maxtor DiamondMax 10 SATA 300GB \*2 (on SATA 3, SATA 4 RAID 1)
- **Optical devices:** Type in the brand and specifications of your optical drives and quantity. Specify if it was inserted on IDE (Master or Slave) or SATA ports.
- **Other devices:** Indicate which add-on cards or USB devices that you *absolutely sure* are related to the problem. If you cannot identify the problem's origin, indicate all the add-on cards or USB devices inserted on your system.  
Example: AHA 29160 (on PCI 2), Sandisk Cruzer mini 256MB USB Flash-disk.
- **Operating system:** Indicate which OS and language version  
Example: Microsoft Windows XP SP2, English version  
Example: Microsoft Media Center Edition 2005, Korean version
- **Problem description:** Describe the problem of your system configuration. Indicate the steps to duplicate problem if possible.

See the next page for a blank Technical Support Form, or visit our website to fill in the form on line (<http://www.abit.com.tw/page/en/contact/technical.php>).

**Q. Is the motherboard dead? Do I need to return it to where I bought from or go through an RMA process?**

A: After you had gone through the troubleshooting procedures, yet the problem still exists, or you find an evident damage on the motherboard. Please contact our RMA center.  
([http://www2.abit.com.tw/page/en/contact/index.php?pFUN\\_KEY=18000&pTITLE\\_IMG](http://www2.abit.com.tw/page/en/contact/index.php?pFUN_KEY=18000&pTITLE_IMG))

### 5.1.2 Technical Support Form

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Motherboard:	
BIOS Version:	
CPU:	
Memory brand:	
Memory size:	
Memory configuration:	
Graphics card:	
Graphics driver version:	
Power supply maker:	
Power supply wattage:	
Storage devices:	
Optical devices:	
Other devices:	
Operating system:	
Problem description:	



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